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BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

EX PARTE No. 582 (Sub. No. 1)





MAJOR RAIL CONSOLIDATION PROCEDURES

COMMENTS OF THE "ALLIED RAIL UNIONS"

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The Rail Labor organizations that are participating in this proceeding as the Allied Rail

Unions ("ARU")¹, individually and collectively, submit these comments in response to the Research

Advance Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking served by the Board on March 31, 2000. The ARU

join in, and adopt as their own, the Comments filed by the Rail Division of the Transportation

Trades Department AFL-CIO.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Comments of the "Allied Rail Unions" were this day served by First Class Mail, upon all parties of record so designated on the official service lists compiled and published by the Board.

Date: May 16, 2000

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